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The death of Castellanos has caused confusion within the Communist Party. Jorge Shafick Handal, the Secretary General of the PCES, now has exclusive control of the Party. He does not, however, have the rapport with other Communist leaders that Castellanos enjoyed. Several Communist leaders have predicted that Handal's rough, crude tactics may cause another split in the Party.)

SHAFICK HANDAL

CENTRAL COMMITTEE - C.P. EL SALVADOR EL S.A.P.

2. Communist leaders wish to balance Shafick Handal's control of the leadership of the PCES and are attempting to find a leader to replace Raul Castellanos Figueroa in the Communist hierarchy. One of the PCES members being considered is Antonio "Tony" Handal, the brother of Shafick Handal and a well-known and capable youth leader. Although Tony Handal has a good reputation in the Party, he is at a disadvantage because his brother is a Central Committee member. Communist leaders, as a rule, never allow two brothers to serve on the Central Committee. Roberto Castellanos Figueroa, the brother of the deceased Communist leader, is also under consideration, but does not command the respect his brother received. He also has the reputation of being an

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immature playboy. Roberto <sup>2:00 PM 1970</sup> ~~Castellanos~~ Calvo, a National University of El Salvador (UES) professor and a member of the PCES Central Committee, is favored to replace Raul Castellanos. He has the reputation of being a hard worker and a good organizer. More important, he has good rapport with the majority of other Communist leaders. Julio Cias ~~tro~~ Belloso, the Secretary General of the Communist-dominated Unifying Federation of Salvadoran Unions (FUSS), and Miguel ~~S~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~n~~ <sup>z</sup> Varela, a university activist and member of the PCES Central Committee, are also being considered. Communist leaders will choose Castellanos' replacement shortly.

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3.  Comment: Shafick Handal is not likely to share power with any other leader as he did with Raul Castellanos. However, Shafick Handal will no doubt accept any leader selected in order to maintain good internal Party relations. This person may take over the task of liaison with the Soviets, which, in the past, was handled solely by Castellanos.)

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